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Mr. Edward S. Aromi Jr.
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Dear Messrs. Schepens and Aromi:

Re: Completion of Corrective Measures per Notice of Non-Compliance
for Deficient Leak Detection in Tank Farms Temporary Transfer Lines

On August 8, 2002, the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) issued a Notice of Non-Compliance which directed the United States Department of Energy-Office of River Protection (USDOE-ORP) and its contractor, CH2M Hill Hanford Group (CHG), to develop a management plan for correcting violations regarding deficient leak detection and management of temporary transfer lines in use at Hanford tank farms. At ORP's request, submittal of the temporary transfer line management plan was extended until December 20, 2002.

Upon submittal of the plan in December, Ecology found the plan to be deficient in resolving the violations described in the August 8 notice of non-compliance. Ecology then met with ORP and CHG representatives throughout January 2003 to develop an adequate management plan for use of temporary transfer lines in Hanford tank farms and agreed to withhold enforcement pending submittal of an adequate plan by March 31, 2003. On March 25, 2003, ORP submitted a revised temporary transfer line management plan sufficient to resolve the violations described in Ecology's August 8 Notice of Non-Compliance.

Although some changes to the plan may be required during the permitting process for tank farms, ORP's March 25 temporary transfer line management plan will serve to close out the findings cited in Ecology's August 8 notice of non-compliance.

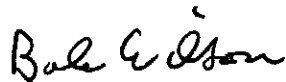
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If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (509) 736-3031.

Sincerely,



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